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LETTER DATED 30 MAY 1998 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit to you, and through you to the members of the Security Council, the text of letters exchanged by the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations extending, in the light of Security Council resolution 1153 (1998) of 20 February 1998, the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 986 (1995) of 14 April 1995 for a period of 180 days, effective 30 May 1998.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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Letter dated 30 May 1998 from the Legal Counsel addressed to the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations

I have the honour to refer to resolution 1153 (1998), adopted by the Security Council on 20 February 1998, by which the Council decided that the relevant provisions of resolution 986 (1995) would remain in force for a new period of 180 days beginning at 0001 hours, Eastern Standard Time, on the day after the President of the Council has informed the members of the Council that he has received the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 5 of resolution 1153 (1998) regarding the approval of an enhanced distribution plan submitted by the Government of Iraq. The President of the Council informed its members about the receipt of that report on 29 May 1998. I should also like to refer to an exchange of letters between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations dated 6 December 1997 extending, in the light of Security Council resolution 1143 (1997) of 4 December 1997, the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Government of Iraq on the implementation of Security Council resolution 986 (1995) for a period of 180 days, effective 5 December 1997.

In view of the foregoing, I have the honour to propose that the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 be extended for an additional period of 180 days, effective 30 May 1998, provided that the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding that are applicable to the distribution plans approved pursuant to the relevant Security Council resolutions shall be applicable to the enhanced distribution plan.

It is also understood that the previously approved distribution plans shall continue to apply for goods purchased with oil revenues generated under the respective Security Council resolutions.

If your Government agrees to this proposal, I suggest that the present letter, and your reply thereto, shall constitute an agreement between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Government of Iraq.

(Signed) Hans CORELL
Under-Secretary-General
for Legal Affairs
The Legal Counsel

Letter dated 30 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Legal Counsel

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Iraq agrees to the proposal contained in your letter of 30 May 1998 for the extension of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 for an additional period of 180 days, effective 30 May 1998.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative